

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 31—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN SERBIA AND ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF SERBIA TO REMAIN COMMITTED TO A DEMOCRATIC PATH

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 31

Whereas, in September 2000, the people of Serbia fought for democracy by going to the streets to hold protests and rallies until President Slobodan Milosevic was removed from power and the Government of Serbia was handed over to democratic forces;

Whereas, in the following years, the democratic leadership of Serbia worked to establish a democratic society, functional rule of law, a free market economy, and respect for human and minority rights;

Whereas the President of Serbia, Boris Tadic, has expressed publicly his commitment to the principles of democracy and the dream of leading Serbia forward on this path;

Whereas Serbia is a member of several international organizations and has voiced its desire to become a member of the European Union (EU);

Whereas Serbia has enacted several military and defense reforms to strengthen ties to its Western allies and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Alliance;

Whereas, on September 7, 2006, Serbia signed a Status of Forces Agreement with the United States Government to facilitate Serbia's participation in joint military exercises and training;

Whereas, on September 8, 2006, President Tadic commemorated the beginning of Serbia's participation in the National Guard State Partnership Program with the Ohio National Guard;

Whereas, on December 14, 2006, Serbia was granted accession to the NATO Partnership for Peace (PfP) program, along with its neighbors, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro, initiating formal cooperation between NATO and Serbia;

Whereas Serbia has transferred 36 individuals indicted for war crimes to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), including Milosevic and some of his top officials, and provided thousands of documents to the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICTY;

Whereas Serbia has taken some additional steps, under the supervision of the ICTY and the international community, to enact judicial reforms and establish special courts to try individuals indicted for war crimes in Kosovo, Bosnia, and Croatia;

Whereas Serbia has failed to arrest war criminal Ratko Mladic for the horrific crimes he committed at Srebrenica in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which prevented Serbia's earlier participation in the PfP program and its progression in EU accession talks;

Whereas, on January 21, 2007, Serbia will hold democratic parliamentary elections to determine Serbia's future leadership at this critical juncture in Serbia's history;

Whereas Albanian parties in southern Serbia will participate in the parliamentary elections for the first time in over 15 years; and

Whereas a strong, stable, and democratic Serbia is critical to the future of the region: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States should be committed to a strong relationship with a democratic Serbia as Serbia moves toward its goals of membership in the European Union (EU) and cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO);

(2) the inclusion of Serbia in the NATO Partnership for Peace Program was a critical step in bringing Serbia closer to the Euro-Atlantic Alliance;

(3) Serbia will now have the opportunity to enact defense reforms and apply for a Membership Action Plan for NATO;

(4) Serbia should continue its progress on reform, including defense and judiciary reforms and reforms in the area of human and minority rights;

(5) Serbia should move quickly to fulfill its obligations to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, including by immediately arresting Ratko Mladic and transferring him to the Hague because this step is essential for Serbia to be admitted into the EU and NATO;

(6) as Serbia continues to work toward integration in Euro-Atlantic institutions, the United States should continue and increase its defense and security cooperation with the Government of Serbia, including through education, training, and technical cooperation, to assist Serbia in the reform process and in fulfilling the requirements for membership in NATO; and

(7) the United States should remain a friend to the people of Serbia as they continue on the path of democracy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 32—AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 32

Resolved, That, in carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized from March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, and October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, and October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009, in its discretion—

(1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(2) to employ personnel; and

(3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

SEC. 2.

(a) The expense of the committee for the period March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, under this resolution shall not exceed \$1,373,063, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$25,000 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$10,000 may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

(b) For the period of October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, expenses of the committee under this resolution shall not exceed \$2,405,349, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$25,000 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, organizations thereof (as authorized by section 292(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$10,000 may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

(c) For the period of October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009, expenses of the committee under this resolution shall not exceed \$1,021,186, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$25,000 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$10,000 may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

SEC. 3.

The committee may report its findings, together with such recommendations for legislation as it deems advisable, to the Senate at the earliest practicable date, but not later than February 28, 2007.

SEC. 4.

Expenses of the committee under this resolution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the committee, except that vouchers shall not be required—

(1) for the disbursement of salaries of employees paid at an annual rate;

(2) for the payment of telecommunications provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate;

(3) for the payment of stationery supplies purchased through the Keeper of the Stationery, United States Senate;

(4) for payments to the Postmaster, United States Senate;

(5) for the payment of metered charges on copying equipment provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate;

(6) for the payment of Senate Recording and Photographic Services; or

(7) for payment of franked mail costs by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate.

SEC. 5.

There are authorized such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions related to the compensation of employees of the committee from March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, and October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009, to be paid from the Appropriations account for "Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations".

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2—EXPRESSING THE BIPARTISAN RESOLUTION ON IRAQ

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 2

Whereas the United States strategy and presence on the ground in Iraq can only be sustained with the support of the American people and bipartisan support from Congress;

Whereas maximizing chances of success in Iraq should be our goal, and the best chance